



Ladies Foursome Championship

The Ladies Foursome Championships were played on the 22nd March over 27 holes. Janelle Thompson and Katrina Mitchelson were worthy winners scoring Gross 129 H'Cap 15 Nett 114.

Well done to all who competed, Glenda MacDonald and Leonie Clarke who were runners up and Bev Sienesi and Marg Maxwell for winning the Nett.



From the President

A few reminders.....

Covid

A number of our members and family had been affected by the Covid bug and most seem to have recovered reasonably well. Spare a thought for Tony Dick who has had a bad run and inflicted with Pneumonia as well. Thankfully Tony is on the mend and will be back on work crew duties next week. It is important to stay in touch with people who have to isolate because of Covid, so if you know someone doing it tough, give them a call, it will mean a lot.

Bunker Rakes

Please place the rakes back inside the bunkers after use. Having to get off machinery a number of times each day to put rakes where they belong is rather irritating. The culprits are visitors to our club I suspect as some clubs do in fact leave their rakes outside bunkers which makes no sense really.

Flags on the greens

Please **do not yank the flagpole** from the cup in order to get your ball out. The slightest restriction means the cup is moved which in turn deforms the green adjacent to the hole and hence putts will not run true. Please treat the flags with the utmost care and use a ball retriever or your fingers to get your ball from the cup.

Course Closure

In early April the course will be closed for a day to allow for an excavator to do some stump removals and for a cherry picker truck to be used to remove dead limbs that are high up in some of our mature Eucalypts. You will be advised what date the course will be closed but most likely it will be a Thursday after April 9th.

Bevis Dutton

Summer Cup

Congratulations to Trevor Stubbs and Josh Lewis, who won this year's Summer Cup.



Beginners Clinic

For 10 weeks during the summer months the Thirlstane Ladies, with the assistance of Greg Boyd and many other members from both sides of the Club have run a very successful Wednesday night golf event for beginners.

These sessions were primarily started as a social event for some Devonport Hockey Club girls to get together over the summer months, but as “the word got around” the group soon expanded to between 20-26 enthusiast beginner golfers attending each Wednesday night. (24 ladies, 2 men). It has been very encouraging to see the improvement of all the participants and those involved in assisting each week are very impressed with the standard of golf being played.

The clinics will finish for this summer on Wednesday 2nd March, but all those who have been attending have expressed a desire to continue with golf and have asked that the Club look at accommodating beginners, particularly the women, who work and cannot play on a Tuesday and feel they are not capable of playing in the Saturday comp. This is something for the Club to work on.

It has been a lot of fun for everyone involved, and all have looked forward to the get together in the club house to finish each evening, enjoying some toasted sandwiches, drinks and lots of chatter and laughs and usually a late finish.

A big thankyou to all those who gave up their time to help; those who worked in bar, in the kitchen and assisted on the course – there are too many involved to mention everyone individually, but it was a great team effort and a very profitable event for the Club.



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Beginners and club members sharing some well-earned refreshments after the Wednesday night clinic.

Submitted by Bev Sienesi

Replace Divots

Repair Pitch Marks

No cigarette Butts on the Course

New Members

Welcome to....

Social	Michael Casey	Port Sorell
Full	Brian Cook	Shearwater
Full	Paul Crabtree	Latrobe
Club	Kaye Dutton	Shearwater
Social	Christopher Hawkins	Latrobe
Full	Paul Kuipers	Devonport
Social	Geoff Liddel	Railton
Full	John Murphy	Devonport
Social	Kevin Pearce	Shearwater
Junior	Alex Rainbird	East Devonport
Junior	Ethan Rainbird	East Devonport
Junior	Oliver Rainbird	East Devonport
Junior	Brodi Sheen	Latrobe
Full	Cheryl Sutcliffe	Ambleside
Junior	Dexter Upton	Port Sorell
Junior	Rushton Upton	Port Sorell
Full	Michael Watts	Devonport
Full	Gregory Williams	Shearwater

2022 Women's North West Championships

Congratulations to Suzanne Sykes on winning Division 2 at this year's event held at Ulverstone.



Left to Right. Alison Kidd (Ulverstone Div. 3), Lain Thorne (Devonport Div. 1 and Foursomes), Suzanne Sykes (Thirlstane Div. 2), Julie Stonehouse and Lyn White (Penguin Div. 2 Foursomes)

Pennant

Both the men and women pennant teams have been competing in their respective competitions.



Rose, Karen and Kathryn after Thirlstane vs Ulverstone at home. Thirlstane winning 4 ½ to ½

Rule of the Month

Let's take a look at the outcomes for hitting your ball with a practice swing on different areas of the golf course:

- **On the Tee:** When you are playing a ball from the teeing area, the ball is not in play until a stroke is made at it. This means that when your ball is teed or on the ground in the teeing area and you make a practice swing that accidentally strikes and moves the ball, you have not made a stroke or moved a ball in play. The Rules allow you to simply re-tee that same ball or another ball without penalty. Note that there is also no penalty if this occurs when playing again from the teeing area after starting the hole (such as after hitting a ball out of bounds or hitting a tee shot that strikes a tree and ricochets back within the teeing area). This is covered under [Rule 6.2b\(5\)](#) and [6.2b\(6\)](#). Please note that the “teeing area” does not include the entire tee box. It only includes the two club-length-deep area measured from the tees you are playing.
- **On the Putting Green:** Just as in the teeing area, the Rules are lenient if this occurs on the putting green. If you strike and move your ball with a practice swing on the putting green (or accidentally cause your ball to move in any other way), you can simply replace your ball on its original spot without penalty and play on. This is covered under [Rule 13.1d\(1\)](#).
- **Anywhere Else:** This category would include a ball that lies in a bunker, a penalty area, or anywhere in the general area (defined as anywhere on the golf course that is not the teeing area, the putting green, a bunker or a penalty area). When your ball lies in any of these areas, it is already in play. If you then take a practice swing and cause your ball to move, you still have not made a stroke, but you will get a one-stroke penalty for moving your ball in play. The ball must be replaced on its original spot. This is covered under [Rule 9.4](#). If the player instead plays the ball from where it was moved to after their practice swing, it becomes a two-stroke penalty (or a loss-of-hole penalty in match play) and the player may or may not be required to correct their mistake (see [Rule 14.7](#) for more information).

Source: USGA Rules and Interpretations